



I Will Show Mercy To Others!

From Roanoke Jones Lesson 4

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - MERCY

Great leaders give other people second chances even when they deserve to be punished.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that they should go beyond forgiving others for their mistakes by showing them mercy.

LEADERSHIP STORY

King Saul and the Case of the Missing Shepherd. (1 Samuel 24)

WHAT DO I DO?

Have your children read the Leadership Story. Next, have your children watch the Leadership Video and complete the Child Leadership Questions. If you want to do the Optional Family Activity, have the whole family watch the Leadership Video, then lead your family through the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: BUILDING BLOCKS

For this game you will need a set of Jenga blocks in different colors or colored building blocks. Try to have enough colors so each member of the family has an equal amount of blocks of his or her own color. Take turns building a tower using all the different colored blocks. Once the tower is built, take turns pulling one of the blocks from the tower, trying not to let the tower fall. If someone pulls out a block and the tower falls, he or she is out of the game and takes his or her blocks away. Rebuild the tower again, only this time don't use any of the blocks that belonged to the person who is out. Continue playing this way until there is only one person left in the game. Point out to the children that when someone made a mistake by making the tower fall, that person was not allowed to play anymore. He or she could have been shown mercy and allowed to continue to play, but we didn't do that. By the end there was only one person left and the game had to end. Everyone suffered because no one was shown mercy. If we would have shown mercy to the players who made the mistakes and allowed them to keep playing, the game would have lasted longer, and everyone would have had more fun. The same thing is true in life. When we don't show mercy to others, everyone suffers. When we do show mercy to others, everyone wins. God wants us to forgive others and show them mercy. When we do, our lives, and their lives are better for it.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy." Matthew 5:7 (NLT)



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Read the Leadership Story about King Saul in 1 Samuel 24. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. In the Leadership Video, what was the rugby player's problem?
2. Why did his team not listen to him?
3. Why didn't King Saul like David?
4. What did King Saul want to do to David?
5. Did David want to kill King Saul?
6. How many men did King Saul take with him when he went searching for David?
7. How did the king find David?



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8. Where did David and his men hide?
9. When King Saul was in the cave with David and his men, what did David do to him?
10. What did David's men tell him to do?
11. What could David have done to the king?
12. Why did King Saul decide not to kill David once he'd found him?

David chose not to kill the king, even though the king had tried to kill him. David showed the king mercy. The next time someone does something mean to you and apologizes, show them mercy even if you don't feel like he or she deserves it. When you do that this week, write the people's names in the space below and describe how you showed them mercy.

Memory Verse: Ask your parents to help you memorize this verse.

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1. His team wasn't playing very well.
2. He wasn't very nice to them.
3. He thought that David wanted to kill him and take over his kingdom.
4. He wanted to kill David.
5. No.
6. 3000 soldiers.
7. His servant told him David was hiding in En-gedi.
8. In a cave.
9. Cut off the corner of his robe.
10. Kill King Saul.
11. Killed him.
12. Because David showed mercy to him.